

## **IN RECOGNITION OF “IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL”**

WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception had its beginnings in 1913 when the African Mission Society, an order of priests committed to working with poor black people, built and dedicated the church and the school on the corner of “Gwinette” and “Kollock” Streets, now Laney-Walker Boulevard and 11th Street; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the school was always, and is now, Evangelization through Catholic Education. Therefore, Immaculate Conception welcomes children regardless of race or religion and strives to help them learn, grow, and come to know God; and

WHEREAS, the curriculum, the values, the structures, and the goals of Immaculate Conception are rooted in belief in God and belief in every child whether or not you call it Franciscan, there is warm and simple spirit about Immaculate Conception people – a genuine appreciation of parents and family, an openness and a sharing of care, and a spontaneity that is refreshing; and

WHEREAS, many students today are children or grandchildren of Immaculate Conception graduates; and for them, the school is a family reunion. Immaculate Conception students shine in academics, in athletics, in cheerleading, and in oratorical competition; and

WHEREAS, since Immaculate Conception closed in 1969, the school has been a special part of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, the downtown Catholic Church. Some things have changed since 1913, but there is a strong effort to keep the tradition of Immaculate Conception School alive; and

WHEREAS, the Immaculate Conception Development Council, a group of dedicated community leaders and parents, have begun a consolidated effort to help Immaculate Conception reach its goals for growth and improvement; and

WHEREAS, through the belief, the efforts, and the caring support of many good people, the clouds are lifting, and Immaculate Conception’s light is touching and warming many little lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2003 as “IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL DAY” in Augusta, Georgia in recognition of its 90th Anniversary and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 10th day of May 2003.